

BOARD POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

THURSDAY, October 21, 2021 11:00 AM

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 ROLL CALL

A special meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) Board Policy and Planning Committee (BPPC) was called to order at 11:00 a.m. on October 21, 2021, via teleconference Zoom meeting.

Board Members in attendance: Director Nai Hsueh-District 5 (in Conference Room A-124); Director Linda J. LeZotte-District 4; and Director Barbara Keegan-District 2 via teleconference constituting a quorum of the BPPC.

Staff members in attendance: Jason Araujo, Aaron Baker, Lisa Bankosh, Rechelle Blank, John Bourgeois, Rick Callender, Theresa Chinte, Rachael Gibson, Brian Hopper, Bassam Kassab, Michele King (in Conference Room A-124), Albert Le, Marta Lugo, Brian Mendenhall, Carmen Narayanan, Mike Potter, Melanie Richardson, Afshin Rouhani, Samina Shaikh, Sue Tippets, Jose Villareal, Tony Vye, Greg Williams and Jing Wu.

Guests attendance: Arthur Keller, EWRC Vice Chair.

2. TIME OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM NOT AN AGENDA

BPPC Chair Hsueh declared time open for public comment on any item not on the agenda. There was no one present who requested to speak.

3. 3.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 7, 2021.

The BPPC considered the draft minutes from the September 7, 2021 meeting. It was moved by Director LeZotte, seconded by Director Keegan, and unanimously carried by roll call vote to approve the minutes as presented.

4. Information and Action Items

4.1 BOARD ENDS POLICY E-3 REVISIONS.

Mr. Brian Mendenhall, Senior Water Resources Specialist, reviewed the information on this item as presented in the attached PowerPoint presentation, identified as Handout 2.

It was moved by Director LeZotte, seconded by Director Keegan, and unanimously carried by roll call vote, to endorse the E-3 Policy revisions and recommend that staff finalize and present to the full board for approval consideration.

4.2 UPDATE ON UNTREATED SURFACE WATER PROGRAM'S CUSTOMER INFORMATION, AGRICULTURAL USAGE, SURFACE WATER FINANCIAL BENEFITS IF ANY, RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROGRAM'S FUTURE, AND STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH PLAN.

Mr. Aaron Baker, Chief Operating Officer; Mr. Bassam Kassab, Water Supply Operations Manager; Ms. Samina Shaikh, Associate Engineer; Mr. Mike Potter, Program Administrator; and Jason Araujo, Supervising Water Resources Technician, Reviewed the information on the Program Customer Information, Water Usage and Information, Agricultural Uses, Financial Benefits Surface Water Customers Receive, information on the Two-Phase Modified Plan (Phase I – All Domestic Landscape Use Customers off by the end of Calendar Year 2023 and Phase 2 – Revise Surface Water Rules), and the Public Outreach Plan for Stakeholder input.

The BPPC provided the following feedback:

- There is a need to be very explicit during implementation of Phase 2 that we plan to activity track the cost of the water to ensure that this program is cost effective for the Valley Water.
- When conducting public outreach, ensure that specific users i.e., customers, property owners/tenant, are all notified and that proposed Phase 2 information is shared for feedback.
- Boarder input should be conducted when the higher-level policy is brought to the Board for consideration, not during the Phase 1 stakeholder input.

It was a consensus of the committee to support staff's updates to the modified program and the proposed public outreach plan, and recommended that after stakeholder input, staff finalize and present the Phase I information to the full board for approval consideration, unless something significant comes out of the outreach sessions that require committee input.

4.3 REPORT ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE (EWRC) WORKING GROUP STRUCTURE AND SUPPORT PROCESS

Chair Hsueh provided an update on this item per the attached committee memorandum and EWRC Draft Wok Plan Revision, identified at Attachment 1. The EWRC was very receptive to the proposed new structure of five new working groups that align with the Board's work plan and the identified organized staff support process and agreed to implement the new structure.

4.4 WORK PLAN, MEETING SCHEDULE AND ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT

Chair Hsueh review the work plan, stated that the November 1 meeting will be cancelled, and that the December 6, 2021 agenda will include the revised Water Resources Protection Ordinance.

5. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS.

Ms. Michele King reviewed the action taken by the committee on items 4.1 and 4.2.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Director Hsueh adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:25 p.m.to the next meeting on December 6, 2021.

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Approved: 1/4/22